

11th GRADE SOCIAL STUDIES
United States History and Government
SEPTEMBER 2016

COURSE CONTENT

This is a course designed to fulfill the New York State requirement. Among the topics included are the US Constitution, geography, industrialization and urbanization, immigration, war, prosperity, depression, global crisis, domestic policy, and the arts. Critical thinking and writing skills will be enhanced. Analysis and evaluation of primary source material as well as scholarly secondary sources will be emphasized. Responding to document based questions and thematic essay writing skills will be further refined. All students will take the US History and Government regents exam in June. In addition, we will continually look at the relationship of current events to what we are studying in US history.

CLASSROOM PROCEDURES

The following courtesies will facilitate an environment where learning can flourish:

- *Arrive on time to class. Regular attendance and punctuality are expected. You need to be here to succeed.
- * Bring necessary supplies. Ipad fully charged, notebook, pen, paper, previous night's homework, and your attention are your daily responsibilities.
- *Copy Aim, Do Now, and Homework from the board.
- *Respect each other's diversity and differing opinions. This course is intended to develop intellectual rigor and analysis—we will not always agree with each other or with historians.
- *Be academically honest. Plagiarism is the misrepresentation of another's work as your own—it will not be tolerated.

GRADES

Grades reflect your effort and achievement. Grades will be based on tests, quizzes, homework, class participation, classroom work, individual projects, and group projects.

TESTS AND QUIZZES

The primary testing day for social studies is _____ . Tests will be announced at least one week prior to the test date. Quizzes will be announced.

EXTRA HELP AND STUDENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

If you have additional questions or need some extra help, you are encouraged to come afterschool on _____ .

HOMEWORK

Homework is intended to help you better understand the course material. The assignments must be completed every night and will be checked every day. Homework is an important part of your grade. Homework assignments will posted on google classroom and our class website.

If you are absent, you are expected to make up the assignments. If you do not make up the missed assignments, you will receive no credit for them. It is strongly recommended that you get the telephone number and e-mail of a classmate to inquire about work missed during your absence. As well, you are expected to consult google classroom and our class website for assignments.

Let's have a great year together!